

# SPEAKER CANNON DEFERS NAMING HIS COMMITTEES

Expected List Will Not Be Read in House Until Monday.

## TO ENGAGE IN "TALK" Plan for Closing the Extra and Opening the Regular Session on Monday.

The House committees will not be announced tomorrow, as was anticipated, but will probably go over until Monday, though if the Speaker is ready on Saturday they will be named then.

There are several problems in the way of assignments which, with the large amount of clerical work in going over the list and checking them up to see that no member is omitted, will make it necessary to postpone the announcement.

Some time last week the House will be prepared to do business. It is expected that tomorrow there will be a repetition of the proceedings of last Tuesday, when there was an informal "talk" of an hour. Although Mr. Williams, the minority leader, may not be present, the Speaker will be managed by his Democratic associate of the Committee on Rules, Mr. Do Armond, who will arrange for the "talk," so far as the side of the House is concerned.

It is probable the Republicans, rather than have the point of no quorum raised, and thus be obliged to meet again on Saturday, will yield to the demand of the minority for opportunity to "talk." The plan then is to take a recess from Friday until 11 o'clock Monday, and then bring the extraordinary session some what dramatically to a close almost simultaneously with the opening of the regular session of the Fifty-eighth Congress. If this program is carried out, Speaker Cannon's gavel will fall at noon on Monday, and he will declare the extra session adjourned. Immediately thereafter he will again raise the symbol of his authority and reconvene the House in regular session.

Many Bills Waiting.

Nearly 3,000 bills have been introduced and there will be work for practically every committee, certainly for all of the important ones, from the start. The committees, which will "get busy" first will be the Election Committee, as there are ten contests to be decided, and still another may be instituted. Usually the first ten days or two weeks of the regular session are practically lost, while the Speaker is making up his committee lists, and the House is busy with the get down to hard work until after the Christmas holidays. This session, however, at least three weeks will be gained by having the committees organized on the first day of the session. Accordingly it is expected the House will be ready to adjourn early next summer, particularly as there is to be no tariff legislation, although there will doubtless be a great deal of tariff talk in which the Democrats will assume the aggressive and the Republicans take the defensive, as they did on Tuesday when Mr. Hepburn and Mr. Grosvenor made vigorous speeches supporting the present Dingley law.

JUDGE SPRINGER'S ILLNESS TAKES SERIOUS TURN

Judge William M. Springer is seriously ill with pneumonia at his home, 45 C Street southeast. He has been suffering for about a week, and his condition is regarded as serious. Last night his life was despaired of, but he was slightly improved this morning, although his condition remains critical. He was taken ill in Chicago last week and brought to his home in Washington. His wife and son, Chaplain Springer, of the army, are with him. Judge Springer formerly represented the Springfield (Ill.) district in Congress. His service began in the Forty-fourth Congress and continued uninterrupted through the Fifty-third. In 1886 he was appointed to the Supreme Court bench of the Indian Territory for four years. He has since practiced law in Washington. Judge Springer is a Democrat, and was for several years chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means.

TRENTON PRISON CROWDED WITH DISTRICT PRISONERS

Col. Cecil Clay, general agent of the Department of Justice, by direction of the Attorney General, today informed District Attorney Beach that no more prisoners could be sent from the District of Columbia to the penitentiary at Trenton, N. J. Lack of room was the reason. Another place for District prisoners has not been selected.

WEATHER REPORT.

There will be rain or snow tonight and tomorrow. The Ohio river will be lower late region, the northern portion of the Middle Atlantic States, and probably tomorrow in the southern portion of the Middle Atlantic States. In the South the weather will be fair. It will not be so in the Ohio Valley and lower lake region, and tomorrow in the South, although freezing temperatures are probable. In the South to about the 30th parallel.

THE TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m.	39
12 noon	34
3 p. m.	34
6 p. m.	37

THE SUN.

Sun sets today 4:39 p. m.  
Sun rises tomorrow 7:20 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

High tide today 6:55 p. m.  
High tide tomorrow 7:19 a. m., 7:45 p. m.  
Low tide tomorrow 1:34 a. m., 1:40 p. m.

# MEETING OF WOMEN TO DENOUNCE SMOOT

Gathering of Prominent People in Church of the Covenant Hear Speeches and Pass a Resolution.

Prominent women representing clubs and associations from all parts of the country gathered here today to open the fight for unseating Senator Reed Smoot of Utah on account of his connection with the Mormon Church. A meeting was held, beginning at 2 o'clock, in the Church of the Covenant, at which addresses were made and resolutions protesting against the retention of Smoot adopted for transmission to the Senate. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Frederick Schott, president of the National Congress of Mothers' Clubs. Among those who made addresses were Mrs. Darwin James, of New York, president of the Interdenominational Council of Women; Mrs. A. H. Wentz, president of the Women's Republican Club of New York; Mrs. Charles M. Thorpe, president of the New Century Club, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Margaret D. Ellis, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Newark, N. J.; Dr. Sarah J. Elliott, of the Women's Council, formerly of Salt Lake, and now living in Philadelphia; Mrs. Charles Mestlyn Owen, of the Utah American Bureau of Information.

Mrs. Owens' husband, who is a civil engineer of twenty years' residence in Salt Lake City, is in Washington, provided with a quantity of documentary ammunition, for use by the opponents of Smoot in the Senate contest. He originated the bureau of information, which is the name of an organization of anti-Mormon men and women of Utah, now devoting all its energy to propaganda against Smoot.

Mr. Owen said today the feeling in the anti-Mormon element in Utah is that unless the fight against Smoot's retention in Congress is successful, a grave calamity will have befallen the country. He declared the contest embodies far more elementary factors than did the opposition to Congressman Roberts four years ago.

The Rev. Dr. D. J. McMillan, of New York, Mr. Owen, and other men interested in the fight addressed the meeting today. A number of the women will remain in Washington to lend their support when the contest is called up in the Senate.

Miss Helen Gould, who is deeply interested in the movement to better conditions in Utah, was not present at today's meetings. Members of the several organizations expected Miss Gould to come to Washington, but important matters elsewhere claimed her attention, and she was unable to attend the conference.

# SWEDISH BARK ASHORE WITH CREW IN RIGGING

Dharwar Off North Beach Beyond Reach.

## SUBMARINE BOAT A WASH Government Vessel in Distress Three Miles From the Little Island Station.

LEWES, Del., Dec. 3.—The Swedish bark Dharwar, Captain Larsson, bound from Hongkong for New York, went ashore in the gale today off North Beach. The crew, numbering about twenty-five men, are clinging to the rigging, but, owing to the heavy sea, it is impossible for the life-savers to get to their assistance. Unless soon rescued, there is every likelihood all the members of the crew will be drowned.

The cargo of the Dharwar consists of matted consignments to New York merchants.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 3.—Little Island Life-Saving Station, on the North Carolina coast, reports an unknown Government tug standing by or trying to get a line to what is supposed to be a submarine torpedo boat, about three miles abreast of the Little Island station.

Word was received at the Navy Department today that the vessel was the torpedo boat Moccasin. She is safe, and has not been seriously injured.

# INNOCENT MAN SERVES FIVE YEARS IN PRISON

President Pardons William J. Wright, Convicted in Arizona of Criminal Assault.

The President has denied five applications for pardon, and has granted one pardon, and has also restored one man's civil rights.

William J. Wright was convicted in Arizona of criminal assault and sentenced in 1898 to confinement for life in the Territorial prison. The trial Judge, the district attorney, and his assistant have lately reported that, in view of certain facts, they are of opinion that the prisoner was not guilty of the offense charged, and should not have been sentenced to life imprisonment. The President has granted a full pardon, and has also restored one man's civil rights.

Steve French, convicted in the western district of Arkansas of receiving stolen property, served two years in the Ohio penitentiary, and was released nearly six years ago. The district attorney recommended a pardon to restore civil rights in order that he might be used as a witness, and the President granted the pardon.

# BLOODHOUND TESTIMONY RULED INADMISSIBLE

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 3.—The Nebraska supreme court yesterday granted a new trial to George W. Erott, of Nemaha county, on the ground that he was prevented from meeting two witnesses face to face and cross-examining them. The two "witnesses" were the bloodhounds that traced him from a house that had been robbed. The court held that the testimony of dogs will be inadmissible.

# WHOLE TOWN MAY GO INTO RECEIVER'S HANDS

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 3.—Louis R. Britton, agent for the State Auditor, on Wednesday filed suit against eighty-one residents of Carrollton for back taxes, alleged to be due on mortgages.

They amount to about \$1,000,000. If the suits are won, all the substantial residents of the town will have to go into the hands of receivers.

ALBERT DURHAM FAILS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—The suspension of Albert Durham was announced on the local stock exchange this morning. The failure is small.

# BAKER RECALIBRES RUNCIE IS WRONG

Magazine Writer Gives His Testimony Before Senate Committee.

## DINNER PARTY INCIDENT Says the General Had No Previous Knowledge of the Nature of the Article.

Ray Stannard Baker, the magazine writer, drawn into the Leonard Wood case by Major Runcie's recent testimony, was the important witness today before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs. Acting Chairman Proctor called the committee to order at 11 o'clock, when there were present all the members except several who went to their homes last week on business and have not yet returned to Washington.

Mr. Baker was called before the committee to give his version of certain events to which Major Runcie testified last week, alleging General Wood was aware of the preparation of the magazine article which Mr. Baker caused to have published. When this testimony was given here Mr. Baker, who was in Denver, immediately denied that reason why Major Runcie should use the article at a dinner party, etc., and started East to substantiate this view under oath.

Tells of Dinner Party.

Mr. Baker was called to the witness chair by Senator Proctor at half-past 12 o'clock.

He was questioned regarding the dinner party, and said he could not recall any such conversation as referred to by Major Runcie. The dinner party on October 23, 1901, was, he said, only one of a number of such affairs in which General Wood and he participated. If such a matter as the Runcie article had been talked over at one of these meetings, the witness thought he would have remembered it, and that they would have talked it over at other times as well.

Mr. Baker said he went to Cuba to gather information for his own use in magazine form, and that he had no reason why Major Runcie should have sent the article to him except that he was in touch with publishing interests. It was November 5 when he left Cuba, he said, and November 23 when he got a letter from Runcie inclosing the manuscript, and asking him whether his (Baker's) magazine could not use it. Baker found it better fitted for a review magazine, and sent it to Col. George B. Harvey, editor of the "North American Review," inclosing also Major Runcie's letter.

Shortly before going to Europe in February, 1902, the witness testified, he inquired from Colonel Harvey whether any use had been made of the Runcie article. Harvey replied that it was to appear in the current number over Major Runcie's signature. Baker said that while the only interest he had shown in the article.

Regarding Major Runcie's testimony, Baker was reticent in expressing an opinion, but thought the army officer's falling out with Wood had led to the charge that the general had previous knowledge of the article's preparation.

Mr. Baker concluded his testimony at 1:45 o'clock, and hurried away to the White House, where he was the guest of the President at luncheon.

Stone on Bellairs.

The first witness today was Melville E. Stone, the well-known newspaper man, of Chicago. He testified concerning the character of the position of Capt. E. T. Bellairs, who was the Havana correspondent of a press association at the time General Wood was governor general.

Mr. Stone said he knew of Bellairs at that time only as a newspaper man. Major Runcie had then written the witness in behalf of General Wood and the Government officials at Havana, saying the usefulness of Bellairs was such that it was hoped he would be continued in service there.

It had been no intimation up to this time, the witness declared, that Captain Bellairs had a bad record. His work had been such as to make the representations of Major Runcie seem perfectly proper, Mr. Stone said, and nothing more was thought of the matter. Meanwhile Bellairs remained there, and some time afterward was ordered to Manila as representative of the press association.

Not until after Bellairs had gone from Havana, the witness said, did General Wood know anything of his record. The discovery came about in a letter sent to Senator Hanna by a friend in Florida, who made the charge that Bellairs was an ex-convict. Investigation, Mr. Stone said, substantiated the report, and Bellairs was forthwith recalled from Manila. The witness thought General Wood had not been aware of anything of this sort regarding Bellairs while the latter was in Havana.

# BUFFALO POLICE FIND BODIES BENEATH SHED

Disappearance of Frehr Couple Partially Solved.

## CHARLES BONIER ARRESTED Said to Have Paid Victims \$3,200 for Property Just Previous to the Tragedy.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 3.—The mystery of the disappearance of Franz Frehr and his wife from their home, No. 339 Jefferson Street, was cleared away this morning, when the police found their bodies buried beneath a shed in the yard of the house.

The skulls of both had been crushed. Although the bodies were badly decomposed, the wounds were so plain that Medical Examiner Danzer did not hesitate to say that the murder had been done with a hammer.

Both bodies were fully clad, except that neither wore shoes. Louise Lindholm, Bonier's housekeeper, was arrested immediately after the discovery of Frehr's body. Frehrman White had been keeping watch over her in the house where she had lived since the day Bonier moved in. The Frehrs had sold their property, and had \$5,000 at the time of the tragedy.

Franz Frehr, aged eighty-two, and his wife, aged eighty, had been missing since November 20. Charles Bonier, arrested today, claimed to have bought property from the old couple, and to have paid them \$3,200 for the same. This money cannot be found, and if it was really paid to Frehr, the object of the murder was probably robbery. Bonier has deeds of property bearing Frehr's signature. The police are now working on the theory that the signature is a forgery and that Bonier is guilty of deception and murder.

# U. S. NAMES AS ARBITER JOHN G. CARLISLE

Will Serve in Case of Santo Domingo Improvement Company Against That Government.

The State Department announced this morning that John G. Carlisle, of New York, has been named by the United States as arbiter in the case of the Santo Domingo Improvement Company against the government of Santo Domingo.

The Dominican government has selected Senor Galvan, and the two have chosen Judge George Gray, of Delaware, as umpire.

Gen. Augustin Morales, president of the provisional government of Santo Domingo, has made a demand upon United States Minister Powell that Senor Galvan be withdrawn, but Mr. Powell has refused to permit his withdrawal.

Mr. Powell has informed General Morales that the United States will never recognize the new government, unless it acknowledges all the acts and agreements of the former government.

Commander J. B. Briggs, of the cruiser Baltimore, has submitted to the Navy Department a report on conditions at Santo Domingo, under date of November 22. He says the operations of the insurgents about the Dominican capital were attended with little or no loss of life.

The Baltimore sailed for San Juan from Santo Domingo on November 21, and at the time of the cruiser's departure, Commander Briggs said, the city was quiet and the streets were filled with persons attending to their regular duties.

The French cruiser Jurion de la Graviere arrived at Santo Domingo on November 18, according to the report, and landed five men to guard the Danish consulate. The German cruiser Gazelle also arrived at Santo Domingo on November 18.

Pao's Cure will cure your cough, relieve soreness of the lungs, and help difficult breathing. Adv.

# WILHELM WILL SPEND WINTER IN THE SOUTH

German Emperor Unable to Attend Opening of Reichstag. Von Buelow Reads Speech From the Throne.

BERLIN, Dec. 3.—The Kaiser was unable to attend the opening of the reichstag today. It is learned officially that, despite denial, his majesty will be obliged to spend January and February in the South.

At the opening of the reichstag Imperial Chancellor von Buelow read the speech from the throne. The Kaiser's address began with an expression of thanks for the universal sympathy expressed during his illness. He mentioned his meetings with the rulers of Italy, Austria, and Russia, and expressed an expectation that these meetings would result in the promotion of universal peace.

His majesty said that Germany is co-operating with the other powers for the maintenance of order in Macedonia, thus to prevent Balkan complications.

Concluding, the Emperor announced a partial reorganization of Germany's finances; a reform of the house laws; the construction of a new railway in German East Africa, and the introduction of several minor social reforms.

It is learned this afternoon that Emperor William will not be able to join the hunting party arranged for December 15. It is not yet known whether his majesty will be able to review the three regiments on December 19 at Hanover.

# Jackson in Terror Over Withdrawal of Soldiers

Breathitt County Citizens Expect Feud Murders to Follow, and Ask Governor Beckham to Rescind His Order.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 3.—Following on the heels of the order issued by Governor Beckham, that the State troops be withdrawn from Jackson, the most disquieting reports of pending trouble have emanated from the feud center.

These include an alleged attempt upon the life of County Judge James Hargis, and sensational charges of forgery in regard to alleged letters from Judge D. B. Redwine to Governor Beckham, assuring him that peace exists in Breathitt county and requesting that the troops be taken away.

Special messengers were dispatched to Lexington Wednesday by a number of representative citizens of Breathitt county to petition the Governor to rescind the order that the troops be withdrawn. The petition was denied, and the troops will leave Jackson today.

Representative-elect Carl Day of Breathitt county headed the delegation to Frankfort, and while in this city en route to the capital he gave out the following statement:

"The people of Jackson regret that the troops are to be taken away, and I am now on my way to Frankfort to see Governor Beckham to ask him to rescind the order and to permit the troops to remain until after the new year. A meeting was held in Jackson, at which Judge Redwine, Judge Hargis, Roy Miller, myself, and six others were present, and Judge Redwine denied ever making any request of Governor Beckham to withdraw the troops. They appointed me, with others, as a committee to wait upon Governor Beckham and request that the order be rescinded upon this showing."

"We were leaving the place of meeting Judge Hargis Judge Redwine, and myself were walking toward a hardware store when from out of the darkness a man well known to us sprang in front of Judge Hargis and pointed a revolver in his face. I knocked the pistol out of his hand, and Judge Redwine and I got in front of Hargis and walked on with him to the store, where we left him."

Governor Beckham says there are enough good people in Breathitt county to suppress any outbreak of disorder.

# TWO PLEAS FOR REVISION WERE MADE BY DREYFUS

First Application for Change of Sentence Not Heeded by Minister of War—Second Appeal Nov. 26.

PARIS, Dec. 3.—The "Patrie" today announces that Capt. Alfred Dreyfus has made his first application for a revision of the sentence against him, to Minister of War Andre, on April 21, last.

This application the minister considered insufficiently grounded, and advised a fresh application, which was made on November 26, and which resulted in an order for an inquiry into the matter.

The "Patrie" also states that in case the court of cassation, instead of simply reversing the previous verdict, and sending the case, orders a new trial, the military court, which will conduct this trial, will assemble at Versailles.

A meeting of the Nationalist party was held to protest against the government's initiative in reopening the Dreyfus case. The protest was signed, but the members declared their interference would not extend to the making of interpellations in the matter in the chamber of deputies.

# COURT HEARS TESTIMONY AS TO WATERED ORDERS

Transactions With Warren Leather Company Explained at Trial of Upton and McGregor.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 3.—Leather goods, shipments of leather pouches, and data relative to the ordering of pouches from the Warren Leather Goods Company of Worcester, Mass., by Charles E. Smith, took up the entire day in the United States court today in the trials of C. E. Upton and Thomas McGregor in this postoffice case.

The chief testimony of the Government is that of Smith, and the question is, Has Smith's testimony any particular weight? Several times Wednesday, Smith's testimony was contradictory to that given before Commissioner Rogers last June. This was particularly true relative to an alleged agreement made between him and the treasurer of the leather goods company regarding splitting profits of the deal.

Secretary William H. Hayden, of the Warren Leather Goods Company, identified numerous letters which referred to Smith's inquiry as to the price of pouches, and later to his ordering them from the concern.

As a result of the long-drawn-out testimony regarding the shipments—all corroborative of what Smith had testified to the Government witnesses will not conclude until, perhaps, after Friday. This will carry the case over into next week.

# PAY OF MILITIAMEN IN AMBULANCE CORPS

Comptroller Tracewell, of the Treasury Department, today gave an opinion that Capt. Andrew Parker, disbursing officer of the District of Columbia militia, on a question raised by Lieut. W. D. Fales, commanding the Ambulance Corps, as to rate of pay for officers and enlisted men in that corps.

It is held that under section 144 of the act of January 21, 1903, which covers the period of the encampment last July, the pay should be as follows: Sergeants, \$48 a month; corporals, \$35; privates, \$18. First lieutenants' pay is held to be \$60 a month, the pay of a first lieutenant, mounted, in the regular army.

ORDERED TO ASIA.

Admiral Evans has been instructed by the Navy Department to return to Yokohama with the Asiatic Squadron as soon as he has visited Honolulu.

# SECRETARY HAY ACCORDS REYES PRIVATE AUDIENCE

Colombian Commissioner Receives No Official Recognition.

## SAFETY OF AMERICANS Cardinal Gibbons Assured That Life and Property Are Safe in Bogota.

Gen. Rafael Reyes, Colombian peace commissioner, and Dr. Herran, Colombian charge d'affaires, were the guests of Secretary Hay at luncheon today at 1:30 o'clock. General Reyes had asked for an audience with the Secretary of State, and it was supposed that the commissioner would be presented to the Secretary at the State Department this morning. However, the Secretary preferred to meet the commissioner in his home.

Secretary Hay thus made it clear this morning that General Reyes was not to be presented in any official capacity, but merely as a distinguished citizen of Colombia, introduced by the Colombian representative in Washington, Dr. Herran.

# COGHLAN DESCRIBES MAYFLOWER INCIDENT

General Reyes desired to have a conference with Admiral Coghlan on political affairs when visiting Colon, but was informed that Admiral Coghlan could not enter into discussion of such subjects.

This fact is made known in a report which Admiral Coghlan, commanding the Caribbean squadron, made to the Navy Department under date of November 23.

Admiral Coghlan invited General Reyes to live on the Mayflower while at Colon, but General Reyes said his position was such that he could not go on board a man-of-war. He arrived at Colon on the French steamer Canada and had conferences with the Panama commissioners on board that vessel.

# SAFETY OF AMERICANS ASSURED IN COLOMBIA

In reply to a request of Cardinal Gibbons that Americans in Bogota be protected, Archbishop Herrera, of Bogota, replied that Colombia has no intention to allow foreigners to be the victims, but says the Christian spirit of Colombians insures the safety of Americans.

This announcement was made in Bogota, and was confirmed by Cardinal Gibbons in Baltimore.

# "PANAMA-AMERICANS" NEW TITLE IN ISTHMUS

Panama-Americans is the name residents of the isthmus of Panama have given themselves.

Recent advices from the new republic indicate that there is no sentiment against the junta, and even children announce with pride that they are Panama-Americans.

Persons who will admit they are Colombians are rare in the isthmus. In one month of freedom the republic has been thoroughly divorced in sentiment from its mother country.

# MAINE TO RETURN.

Defects in the machinery of the battleship Maine have made it necessary for Secretary Moody to order that vessel to leave Colon and go to New York for repairs.

# GEN. FRANASSOVITCH RESIGNS FROM ARMY

BELGRADE, Dec. 3.—Gen. Dragutin Franassovitch, formerly a cabinet minister and a faithful prop of the Obrenovitch dynasty, has resigned from the army.

He received the rank of general in 1882 for saving the life of King Milan when the latter was fired on at the cathedral in Belgrade that year.

# CONGRESSMEN TO ATTEND MEETING IN NORFOLK

A second party of Congressmen left Washington for Norfolk last night to attend a meeting tonight in the interests of the Jamestown exposition, to be held in 1907 in commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the first English settlement in America.

The delegation was chaperoned by Representative Maynard, of Norfolk, and included, among others, Representative John Sharp Williams, the minority floor leader, and Representative Charles H. Grosvenor. The exposition company is planning a number of such trips to Norfolk, says Congressmen, in order to interest the Senate and House in the project.

# WIFE MURDERER HANGED.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 3.—Wife murderer Canovski was hanged in the county jail at 10:35 this morning. Accompanied by Father Gasparik he left his cell at 10:01, mounted the scaffold, and the drop fell one minute later. He was pronounced dead at 10:35, and cut down at 10:30.

GORMAN IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Senator Arthur Pue Gorman of Maryland, the new Democratic leader of the Senate, is in the city, staying at the Fifth Avenue Hotel.

Go With the Crowds for Lumber to Libbey & Co., 6th and N. Y. ave., Adv.